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1. The following is a report on the developments in the
Ramona Case from the date of the above referenced report to the present:

2. On 25 March BC/351 reported that the false Roberto NIEGO
had returned to Madrid and had again visited BC/364, asking him to obtain
for him a penal record certificate in the name of Maria MARTINEZ CARRASCO,
38 years of age, daughter of Jose and of Carmen, born in Ocaña (Toledo),
in order to enable him (NIEGO) to obtain a passport. NIEGO told BC/364
that he would probably pick it up himself, or, if not, the interested
party herself. BC/364 was unable to obtain NIEGO's present address in
Madrid, or that of Maria MARTINEZ CARRASCO. NIEGO appeared to be very
pale and gave the impression that he had been in hiding or sick. He
described him again as being 1.60 meters in height, light brown hair,
receding hairline, light colored eyes, good appearance, between 35-40
years of age, German accent, spoke Spanish, and this time appeared with
a moustache, which he did not have when last seen by BC/364.

3. From the date of the last report until April 8, 1948, no
information of value concerning Eva TURNER was received from BC/364. His
trip to see her the latter part of August, 1946, resulted in another
"honeymoon", and she failed to disclose any information of value and
talked only in vague and grand terms concerning the return to power of
Nazism. After seeing BC/364 she returned to Majorca. Since that time she
has contacted him periodically by letter and by telephone from Barcelona,
and during the months of January, February and March she made trips to
France and Portugal. She called BC/364 from San Sebastian on 12 March and
asked him to meet her at Miranda de Ebro and continue with her through
Saragoza to Barcelona. On April 8, BC/351 submitted to this office a full
report concerning the recent developments in the Ramona Case as learned by
BC/364 during his 11-day visit with Eva TURNER. The following is a direct
translation from BC/351's report:

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a. From the information BC/364 was able to obtain during his recent visit with Eva TURNER, it appears to him that the organization has increased greatly in size and importance in Spain and that its activities are perfectly coordinated with those of all foreign branches. Eva has taken two trips to France recently: one to Bayonne and the other to the outskirts of Paris, where she made contacts with Germans residing in France (some clandestinely) and with Frenchmen who are in sympathy with her cause.

b. Eva is the most reliable link between the organization in Spain and its counterpart in France. She drives a MARLON automobile for which she possesses complete double documentation for use within and outside of Spain. She crosses the Spanish-French frontier with complete facility as often as she desires, since she has the absolute protection of El Jefe del Servicio de Fronteras and the Commissioners and Delegates of this Service, who receive large fees for their favors, and who, apart from this, have indicated they are loyal to the Fascist cause.

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c. Eva also has double documentation, one set in the name of Elisa TURNER and the other in the name of Ivone RANEA, in addition to a special "recomendación" from the International Red Cross issued in Switzerland, which document solicits the help and protection of all authorities in the "humanitarian mission" of the Red Cross.

d. The following named individuals are some of the members of the organization in Spain, all of German nationality. They are not of the greatest importance, but they enjoy the complete confidence of the organization and are constantly traveling to different points of the Peninsula, principally to the south of Spain and to the French Frontier, in addition to Barcelona and the Balearics, from the latter two points receiving their instructions:

Gregorio von ESSEN and Fany WOLF in Zaragoza.
Prof. HANN and General SS. SCHROTH in the Balearics.
Eva HENCKEL, Magda KOERNER, Alberto WAKONIGG, Otto WILMER and S. MAUNHEIM in Barcelona.

These individuals rely, in all of their movements, on the consent and at times the protection of the Spanish authorities, who receive rewards for their services and many of whom are intimately acquainted with the women of the organization.

e. The members of the organization have very large sums of money at their disposal and give no thought to economy in regard to expenses, rentals of property for headquarters and living quarters, transportation, etc. They are established at the following places:

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The Villa Mercedes in Hospitalet (Barcelona). This is used as living quarters for the women, and at the present time Eva TURNER lives here.

Torre Monserrat, a chalet in Horta (Barcelona), which appears to be used solely as a laboratory and center for study and work, at the head of which is a Doctor ESAN.

A pension on Calle de Provenza, Barcelona, which is run by a woman with a Spanish name (not given), where the transients are lodged.

An apartment on Calle de Cadena, Barcelona, which is used for meetings.

They acquire new locations with great frequency, and then leave them after only a short occupancy, as they do not wish to become too localized.

f. In their laboratory they are working very intensely on the investigation and means of putting into practice Bacteriological Warfare, which they consider more important than atomic energy.

g. BC/364 believes that the instructions which resulted in the recent protests in the British Zone of Occupation were sent from Spain, and he states that the members of the organization in Spain seem to think that this is the beginning of a great campaign to be carried out by their international organization, since they believe that the British Zone was the most appropriate place for a test of the reaction of the German people.

h. The Servicio Internacional (the Spanish name given to the entire Nazi movement) is completely and perfectly organized throughout the world. Many ex-members of the SS and Gestapo and scientists are included in the membership, many of whom live in the occupied zones under assumed names. The locations they prefer to use for their activities are South America (principally Argentina), Spain, Portugal and Switzerland. The subsidiaries or branches throughout the world have coordinated their activities and function quite methodically. Their principal sentiment or motive is the resurgence of the Nazi Party, which they believe is quite near. There is an inclination toward a relationship with Communism in those places where such relationship can be used in their favor, since they think the situations resulting constantly from the differences between the Communists and the Anglo-Saxon Powers provide opportunities which can be turned to their advantage.

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i. They indicated that Martin BORMANN is now in the interior of Argentina and that he has in his possession the Testament of Hitler. He is used as a depositary for Nazi politics, but they now believe they will be forced to alter somewhat the policies of Hitler in the light of the progress and course of international events.

j. BC/364 deduced from conversations concerning Leon DEGRELLE that he is now in the interior of Spanish Morocco, and that the real Roberto NIEGO, of whom all trace had been lost, had been there with him for some time. He is of the opinion that it is significant that NIEGO should be in the same zone to which DEGRELLE was permitted to escape, and believes that it may have been planned, as he (NIEGO) has had contact with DEGRELLE in the past.

k. Among the Spanish authorities and Falangist elements there exists a latent sympathy for the resurgence of the Nazi Party, although, because of economic and political exigencies, they create officially the impression that they no longer give assistance and protection to Nazis and that there has been established between Spain and the democracies a state of cordial relations. Because of the actual hatred of the democracies by the Spanish Government and all Falangist elements in Spain, the organization expects to derive great benefits from the present Spanish Government if and when the Nazi Party reappears. With this in mind, the organization has complete lists of the ex-combatants of the Blue Division, and they appear to be in contact with the members of this Unit who were officials or who supported the Nazi cause.

4. BC/364 was able to obtain a photograph of Eva TURNER; also a photograph of the mistress (name unknown) of the Jefe del Servicio de Informacion de la Capitanía General de Cataluña, who gives support and protection to the organization, for which he collects a substantial reward.

5. Our card files reflect the following information:

One WAKONIGG, Willi — see RX-438 of 21.2.45. A south Austrian. In a report dated 2.3.44 he had recently been in occupied Russia. The report further stated that when in Madrid he stayed at the Palace Hotel, but had a house with his mother and seven sisters in Bilbao, and also spent much time in Barcelona. He claimed to be an editor and always seemed to have plenty of money. "He was going to take a letter from source to PICASSO(?) and said he would bring back anything." He is described in this report as about 29 years, about 5'6" tall, blond, curly thin hair, slightly shrivelled looking, weak light eyes, funny smile, one of his middle teeth is shorter than the other, wears a small green fedora made in Munich.

In State Department Despatch No. 2849 of August 3,

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1944, Madrid, he was reported as pro-German, and had a sister named Lili ECHENARRIA and that he was a friend of Irene's (von Certzen).

The Guillermo ARONING mentioned in RZ/438 is father of Willi.

The only HAHN possibly identical with Professor HAHN mentioned on page 2 of this report is a Dr. Ernest Livingston HAHN, with aliases Dr. H. A. Livingston HAHN and Livingston Grover Cleveland HAHN. A report dated 25.1.44 reveals the following: He was living quietly with his wife, Lili Pretzfelder HAHN, at the Torre del Mar (Malaga), translating magazine articles for sale in Switzerland or Germany. He received food from Francis H. Leggett & Co., N. Y., sent by Mrs. HAHN's parents in Seattle, Washington. He was born in New York of naturalized German parents. He was arrested twice in Gr. Britain during World War I.

In another report dated 17.2.44 from a "reliable" source, is the following: Dr. Ernest Livingston HAHN was an active enemy agent in the First World War, for some operating under a forged American passport. He had recently moved from the Torre del Mar to a flat at Monte de Sancha, No. 5. Mrs. HAHN is an American Jewess. Several times HAHN tried to establish or re-establish his American citizenship, but always failed. Because of his Jewess wife, he could not return to Germany. It is thought that he tried to serve the Nazis but could not satisfy them. He was involved in a contraband affair concerning a shipment of foodstuffs. The Embassy here was at that time of the opinion that he should be declared a Special Blocked National. There was persistent suspicion as to his bonafides and he communicated with the enemy while receiving funds and help from the U. S.

In a Commercial Attache's despatch 2330, 14.4.44, he requested subject's designation as Special Blocked National, the Proclaimed List being considered undesirable as the resulting publicity would make surveillance of subject's activities difficult. The British Embassy recommended the same procedure to M.E.W. in London. Subject had many connections with Germans in Malaga and maintained correspondence with Germany.

In an AIRGRAM dated 1.8.44 it was stated that subject and his wife would be included on the next supplement of the Confidential List and were being designated as Special Blocked Nationals by the Treasury.

One Oberleutnant Klein, alias Dr. Colas, used as a mail address for reports from occupied countries the following: Seigfried Josef MANNHEIM, Angarterstrasse 9; Seigfried Josef, Feldpost 05877. KLEIN's address was Moritzstrasse, Wiesbaden, Germany. KLEIN was described as being very tall, very thin, sallow complexion (perhaps made up that way, blond hair, blue eyes, age 50, very able, short sighted but no glasses, spoke only German but could understand French. This info was carded from Despatch 890, 13.5.43, encl. 3.

One SCHROTH, fnu is mentioned Madr. 166 - 447 of April 13, 1946, as a German chemist active in the Rationa project.

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